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Column One
BY
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Tito in U.K. for Talks On World-Wide Issues

THE defeat of the Yoshida Government in Tokyo may cause some anxiety in Washington, for whom it has come at an awkward moment. America's policy of Far Eastern "disengagement" assumes the stability of Japan and must, to some extent, be dependent on Japan's development as the armed citadel of anti-Communism in that part of Asia. A crisis now, with new elections next month, can easily lead to a situation seriously affecting these calculations. At the general elections last autumn Mr. Yoshida's Liberal Party had its representation reduced from 225 to 24 seats in a total of 466; and Western observers in Tokyo foreshadow more losses next month. In any case, the division within the Liberal Party has been prised dangerously wide by the latest crisis.

THE Japanese, except for Mr. Yoshida and his faction, apparently are less happy than they might be at the thought of taking over responsibility for the confinement of Asian Communism. They have not been asked to do so in any formal sense. But they believe that to be the logical outcome of America's "disengagement" plans and of Mr. Yoshida's policies. The left wing is neutralist because of its anxiety to avoid embroilment with China; the right wing because it fears the effect of large-scale rearmament on taxation, and the general public because it has had its fill of war.

THE immediate cause of the present crisis in Tokyo was a question put to the Premier by Mr. Nishimura, a moderate Socialist member of the House of Representatives. Mr. Nishimura had asked Mr. Yoshida what was the Government's view of the world situation. When the Premier replied by quoting the opinions of General Eisenhower, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Churchill, Mr. Nishimura said: "I want the views of the Japanese Prime Minister, not of foreign leaders." Mr. Yoshida then lost his temper and called Mr. Nishimura the Japanese equivalent of a "stupid idiot." The question and the quotations from foreign leaders' opinions, appear to have been as much the cause of the motion of censure as the rudeness of the Premier; and it is noteworthy that in the special committee which, contrary to early speculation, decided to bring the motion of censure to the House without undue delay.

Mr. Yoshida's Liberal Party had a majority of four. This, and the fact that a substantial section of the Liberals either abstained or voted against the Government when the motion of censure was put on Saturday, may be evidence not only of the personal feud between the Yoshida and the Hatoyama factions but also of Liberal uneasiness over the Government's general policy.

WHAT is clear is that Japan's political structure is extremely unstable; and there is no reason to suppose that it will gain in stability after the elections in April. The results will be watched as closely as those of next summer's elections in West Germany; and for similar reasons. At the last Japanese elections — the first after the signing of the peace treaty and the withdrawal of the occupation regime — the Government party lost 45 seats; the Progressives advanced from 87 to 95; and the Socialists from 46 to 111. The Socialist gains — even of the left faction under Mr. Suzuki — were only partly from the Communists; and may be continued next month. If the Progressives do better, Mr. Yoshida's minority majority may be cut; and his rival, Mr. Hatoyama, be given the chance of forming a coalition government. Until then, no power is likely to make any dramatic Far East move.

Jerusalem, March 18.



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MONDAY,
MARCH 18, 1963

C.-o.-L. Rises By Only One Point

The cost-of-living index rose by one point in February to a total of 182, the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research reported yesterday. September, 1961, is the base month (100 points).

Coupled to the three-point rise both in December and January, the one-point increase in February would raise the cost-of-living allowance by IL 5.00 at the end of the month. The Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association are scheduled to meet before April 1 to sign the quarterly agreement incorporating this rise in the total allowance which would then total IL 85.00.

February's one-point increase is the smallest in more than a year and indicate a levelling off of the index.

In 1962, the index rose as follows: January, 120; February, 120; March, 144; April, 150; June, 151; July, 162; August, 165; September, 169; October, 173; November, 175; December, 178. In January of this year it stood at 181 points.

Histadrut Postpones Decision on Ein Harod

TEL AVIV, Monday.—The secretary of the Histadrut sat up until the small hours of this morning discussing proposals for the partition of Ein Harod between the Mapai and Mapam members. No decision was reached.

Friction persists over the Sud an agreement. Egypt's wrath has been aroused by the decision of Sir Robert Howe, the Governor-General of the Sudan, not to allow three Egyptian lawyers into the southern Sudan. They wanted to defend four pro-Egyptian politicians accused of behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

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The Trades Union Department is expected to discuss the Cost-of-Living allowance on Tuesday.

Capital Appeals To Knesset for Relief

A proposal calling on the Knesset to take immediate steps to ease the unemployment situation and urging government agencies to make available funds and jobs was approved last night by the Jerusalem Municipal Council following a heated discussion.

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BETWEEN: Generally partly cloudy with
scattered showers.

"At 8:30 a.m. on 3 p.m. (B) Minnow
(C) Minnow, (D) Minnow
was reported under.

A IL.175,000 budget for 1953/54
was presented to the Petah Tikva
Municipal Council last night by
Mayor P. Raskin, who called it
"a modest budget." The total budget
is IL.160,000 more than last year.
The Petah Tikva Municipal
spending covers 12,000 ducats and has
a 10,000 residual.

FOUR ROAD accidents in which
five persons were injured occurred
in Tel Aviv during the weekend.
The injured included a six-year-old
girl and a 71-year-old woman.

A TOTAL OF 22 robberies and
thefts occurred in Tel Aviv area
during the weekend. The biggest
theft, totaling the sum of IL.
20,000, was committed by a
Ramat Gan, thieves stole 200 dollars.
200 Swiss francs, cheques for
\$100 and jewellery—to a total value of
IL.2,300.

PRIZES IN THE Soldiers Welfare
Committee tombola to be held on
Sunday evening are: a 1000-gram
silver ear, radio receivers, gloves and
scores of other items. The committee
is now completing its preparations
for the competition, which is to be held
on Friday, April 12. The proceeds of
which are to be used by the committee
for soldiers' recreational facilities.

FIVE ISRAEL seamen, who deser-
ted their ships in the U.S. sometime
ago, were welcomed in Haifa on
the 5th of April.

A BAILOR of the ss. Excellence
was detained by Customs Police in
Haifa Port yesterday. The sailor
was found to have 2000 dollars
hidden in a cigarette box out of the port. He was re-
leased at Haifa.

JERUSALEM POLICE are continuing
to search for Reuven Krakauer,
a drummer in a police band
who disappeared while on duty
and who wrote a letter to a friend
several days ago saying he
would not return to play in the
band.

PIREX AND Corning glass have
been added to the list of products
which may not be imported
under the Ministry of
Commerce and Industry announced
yesterday.

SEVERAL THOUSAND pounds
worth of damage resulted when a
harmless stone caused a fire in the
house of Dr. E. Klevin in Mahaneh
yesterday morning. The Nahalot
fire brigade put out the
fire.

ALL RAMLE residents earning less
than IL.1,000 a year will be exempted
from payment of general local
rates. The Municipality has decided
to set the rates by other criteria
than income, increased from 15 to 25
per cent.

SIXTEEN thousand progressive activists
were registered with the Ministry
of Labour during February. Four
were agricultural, two industrial,
two for urban workers, four
for women, and four provided for
kibbutzim. One was a kibbutz
and four were miscellaneous.

AN INTENSIVE eight-day course
for workers in the Arab cooperative
movement was opened yesterday at
Kibbutz Ramat Hasharon. Tel Aviv under
the auspices of the Labour Ministry.

SS Jerusalem Sails on 1st
Voyage Under Israel Flag

HAIFA, Sunday. — The ss.
Jerusalem left here on her first
passenger voyage under the
Israel flag this afternoon with
300 travellers on board. A shipment
of nearly 10,000 cases of
citrus for Switzerland via
Mediterranean was in her holds.

The 15,000-ton ship carries a
250-man crew who will serve
the 225 first and 600 tourist
class passengers she can carry.
Dining and recreation rooms
are comfortable and spacious
and the tourist class halls and
facilities compare very favourably
with the first class lounge
of even the ss. *Zim* Co.'s
pride. The ship also has a
synagogue. Dormitory passengers
will also have few fewer
room companions than in *Zim*'s
other passenger ships.

So far, only the crew's quarters
have been renovated, but the
whole ship will get a
thorough going over before she
sails for America next month.

300 SWEDISH TOURISTS
CROSS TO OLD CITY

Jordan yesterday permitted
300 Swedish tourists to cross
at Mandelbaum Gate for a
two-hour stay in the Old City.

The tourists, who arrived on
Friday in the Italian liner, a.s.
Pace, expressed a desire to stay
only three hours in the Old
City. The Jordan authorities
refused to grant entrance visas
for their first visit.

The group toured Jerusalem
and its environs on Saturday.

Personal Notices

We wish to express our deep sympathy

To Dr. JOSEPH SILBERSTEIN

Director, Lung Department, and Head Physician,
Malben's Beer Yaacov Hospital.

ON THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER

Management and Staff
MALBEN

Rokach Resigns As
Tel Aviv Mayor

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The re-
signation of Mr. Israel Rokach,
Minister of the Interior, as Mayor
of Tel Aviv was announced by
Acting Mayor Haim Levanon
at the Municipal Council
meeting here tonight.

Mr. Rokach remains a coun-
ciller, despite objections by the
Herut Party. Herut Councillors
told reporters they would voice
their opposition at the next
council meeting at which, acc-
cording to Mr. Levanon, the new
Mayor is to be elected. Mr. Rokach
is expected to attend this meeting.

It is believed that Mr. E.
Schechter (Histadrut), head of the
Tel Aviv Labour Council, is to
become Deputy Mayor. There
may be a second Deputy Mayor
from the right-wing factions.

Much Criticism

In his letter taking leave of the
Councillors and the Tel Aviv
population, which was read out
by Mr. Lavenon, Mr. Rokach
thanked the Council for its
work with him despite "the
little appreciation and much criti-
cism" he had received.

The Council tonight referred to
the Municipal Finance Committee
a decision of the Water Committee
to increase the water rates by about 30
per cent.

Mr. Levanon announced the re-
ceipt by the Municipality of IL.50,000
from the Government for the
evacuation of the Cressianas
quarters and the building of new
schools, respectively. In addition,
the receipt of IL.150,000 from the
Palestine Discount Bank for the extension of the Municipal
hospital at Hatzira.

Haifa Council Accepts
Rokach's Veto Under Protest

Jerusalem POST Bureau
HAIFA, Sunday. — The Town
Council at an extraordinary
session this morning decided to
accept under protest the Interior
Minister's veto of the
property tax rise from 20 to
22 per cent. General Zionists,
Progressive and Herut coun-
cillors voted against the
protest.

Mr. S. Pell, (G.Z.) explained
that the property tax could
not be raised while rent re-
mained frozen. Higher taxes
would force landlords to come
to the Municipality, but in hand,
he said, Mr. G. Katsim (Progressive)
said that Mr. Rokach's veto had
corrected an economic mistake the
council had made by raising the tax.
Mr. M. Ansel (Herut) supported
the veto although he pointed
out he generally objected to
Government interference in
municipal affairs. Landlords' re-
turns were not high and the
office of the Custodian of Abandoned
Property could not even
cover its administrative costs
from the rent, he added.

Mapam Charge

Mr. Y. Kushner (Mapam) charged
that Mr. Rokach attempted to strike a blow at the
Municipality.

Mayor A. Khayush and the memory
of the tax was to be blamed. In other towns
taxes had actually been raised even
more steeply through a different
form of taxation. The General
Treasurer did not represent all the
town's landlords, he said, as workers
also possessed flats, especially
in Kiryat Shmona, and they could not
afford to pay the same rates.

Today's meeting was only a
few days ago to receive the veto, and
the matter is still in debate.

Fined for Interfering
With Labour Inspector

The first verdict in a case
involving interference with a
labour inspector in the perfor-
mance of his duties was handed
down yesterday by Magistrate
L. Shamir in Tel Aviv.

Abraham Lieberman, owner of
the "Kinneret" bakery in Givatayim,
was fined IL.25 for such
an offence. He received two
additional fines of IL.15 for
baking at night and for em-
ploying workers during for-
bidden hours.

LABOUR EXCHANGE
REOPENS IN ACRE

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Acre
General Labour Exchange was
closed 12 days ago after an
organized assault on the secret-
ary was carried out by a group
of unemployed.

Work for 250 men on various
jobs for the Labour Ministry
and Municipality has been
assured for the next few days. The
Municipality and Exchange will
make a joint effort to find more
work before Passover.

NEW STAMP



This 1.00
postage stamp
is the first in
a new series
of airmail
stamps
now on sale
today at all
post offices.

PHILATELIST'S ZEAL
OVERSTEPS LAW

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). —
A man who thought he would
obtain a philatelist's prize item
by sending to himself registered
letters with facsimile stamp
cut out of a child's stamp album
was today fined IL.25 with the
alternative of seven days in
prison.

The general conclusion was
unfavourable to the present
election system in Israel
and ways of amending it is the
subject of the first of a series
of studies issued by Bet Halilac
a study for research into social
problems in Israel. The study,
published this week, represents
the discussion and conclusions
of the society at two meetings
in October last year. The meetings
were opened by Dr. A. Weisz and Mrs.
Genda Luft, chosen because they
represent different views on the
subject.

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who defended it, as did Mr. Luft,
did so principally out of
fear that conditions in Israel
did not permit another. Dr.
Weisz proposed a mixed
system of constituency and
proportional representation.

Opinion was divided on the
nature of the system to replace
the present one. Some wished
for constituency representation
(as in Britain), while others
feared this would lead to one
party (Mapai) government,
though they agreed it would
ensure stable government. To
this supporters of constituency
representation replied that its
introduction would lead to a
radical change in the country's
political make-up anyway.

Finally, a third group of
speakers believed that the
country was not ready for the
British system and that it had
best be approached in stages.
One proposal was that the
country be divided into ten
constituencies.

Brought from prison where he
is now serving a five-year sentence
for murder, the chief witness,
Mohammed Ischad, related the
events in the day preceding
the capture of the town.
On June 13, 1948, he said, he and
other Arab residents had been
ordered by members of the National
Guard and the Arab Legion
to move an armoured rail-
way wagon parked on the track
opposite the station. As they
started moving it, an armed Jewish
soldier had jumped out and
attempted to escape, firing in the
air as he ran. The two accused
and others had begun firing at
the man until he stopped, threw
down his revolver and grenades
and gave himself up. He was
taken to the Lydda Hotel and
thence to the police station,
where his cries under questioning
had been heard by the witness.

The Jew had later been taken
to a spot near the station, and
it had at first been decided to
hang him, but the village elders
had said that this would frighten
pregnant women in the town.
He had therefore been taken
and tied to a post, where the
accused stripped him to his under-
wear and left him weeping.

Ischad said that while the
crowd stood watching some 50
metres away the first accused
had fired one shot at the victim's
breast with his Tommy gun.
The second accused had then fired
again and the unknown victim
had died.

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

All restrictions governing
trade in used tires and tubes
have been removed effective
today, the Director of Road Transport
has announced. A permit
to buy these items will no longer
be required, nor will it be necessary
to surrender a used tire or tube
or tube before purchasing a new
one.

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Israel Election
System Criticized

Jerusalem POST Staff

The elections system in Israel
and ways of amending it is the
subject of the first of a series
of studies issued by Bet Halilac
a study for research into social
problems in Israel. The study,
published this week, represents
the discussion and conclusions
of the society at two meetings
in October last year. The meetings
were opened by Dr. A. Weisz and Mrs.
Genda Luft, chosen because they
represent different views on the
subject.

The general conclusion was
unfavourable to the present
election system and even those
who defended it, as did Mr. Luft,
did so principally out of
fear that conditions in Israel
did not permit another. Dr.
Weisz proposed a mixed
system of constituency and
proportional representation.

Opinion was divided on the
nature of the system to replace
the present one. Some wished
for constituency representation
(as in Britain), while others
feared this would lead to one
party (Mapai) government,
though they agreed it would
ensure stable government. To
this supporters of constituency
representation replied that its
introduction would lead to a
radical change in the country's
political make-up anyway.

Finally, a third group of
speakers believed that the
country was not ready for the
British system and that it had
best be approached in stages.
One proposal was that the
country be divided into ten
constituencies.

BETWEEN: Generally partly cloudy with
scattered showers.

"At 8:30 a.m. on 3 p.m. (B) Minnow
(C) Minnow, (D) Minnow
was reported under.

A IL.175,000 budget for 1953/54
was presented to the Petah Tikva
Municipal Council last night by
Mayor P. Raskin, who called it
"a modest budget." The total budget
is IL.160,000 more than last year.
The Petah Tikva Municipal
spending covers 12,000 ducats and has
a 10,00

